

**REMARKS**

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Application in light of the Final Office Action mailed June 13, 2006. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 3, 5-6, 8-9, 11-12, 14-15, 17-19, 21-29, and 31-39 were pending in the Application. The Examiner allows Claims 21-29 and 31-39 and rejects Claims 3, 5-6, 8-9, 11-12, 14-15, and 17-19. Applicants cancel Claims 3, 5-6, 8-9, 11-12, 14-15, and 17-19 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants' cancellations have been done to advance prosecution in this case and not to overcome the cited references. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims and favorable action in this case.

**Section 103 Rejection**

The Examiner rejects Claims 3, 5-6, 8-9, 11-12, 14-15, and 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Japan No. JP02000209298A issued to Marinho, et al. (hereinafter "*Marinho*") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0024964 issued to Baum et al. (hereinafter "*Baum*") and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0194251 issued to Richter et al. (hereinafter "*Richter*"). Applicants cancel Claims 3, 5-6, 8-9, 11-12, 14-15, and 17-19.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of Claims 21-29 and 31-39 *Office Action*, p. 4. Applicant has shown all pending claims to be allowable and respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

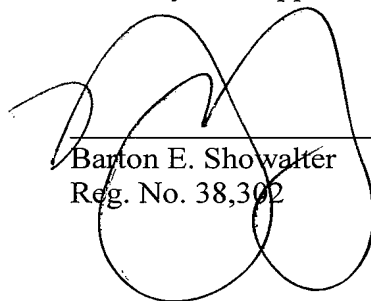
**CONCLUSION**

Applicants have now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for all other reasons clear and apparent, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicants believe no fee is due. However, if this is not the case, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to advance prosecution of this application, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact its attorney, Barton E. Showalter, at (214) 953-6509.

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